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MORE hotel room.

STRANGERS are turned away from our hotels daily for want of rooms.

If our hotels are crowded now, what would we do in case Fort Worth wanted to invite a convention to hold forth here?

PEOPLE tramping around the streets at 11 and 12 o'clock at night, hunting a place to sleep, is the condition of affairs in Fort Worth at present.

THE partisan organs have been for the last two or three months telling how the election was going. They will put in the next two or three months explaining why it didn't go that way.

SENOR DON PEDRO MONTT called upon Secretary Tracy and talked and laughed with him. At once this is taken to mean that there is no further danger of trouble with Chili. If the senior don had talked and frowned instead of laughing, how the country would have quaked!

THE people of San Antonio had better chain the secretary of their commercial exchange, to keep him from going East and running down his state. He reports in New York that the Texas railroad commission has crippled the Texas roads and is frightening capital from the state—and then forgets himself and describes a magnificent new railroad 150 miles long that is just completing. Mr. Bowen had better be chained at home, or have his mouth padlocked when he runs about at large.

MR. EVAN JONES and Mr. Harry Tracy agree that they are Democrats. They also assert that there is no difference between the "two old parties." Well, if they are Democrats, and there is no difference between Democrats and Republicans, they must be Republicans also. And as they belong to the People's party and the sub-treasury Farmers' Alliance, they are almost anything you choose to call for. It is said that the meat of a turtle has in it the taste of all other meats—pork, beef, chicken, fish, anything one can name. Jones and Tracy may be said to partake of the nature of political turtles.

MR. JOHN DILLON was seriously injured while making a speech at Cork by some of the Parnellites, and Mr. Redmond was badly beaten by some of the McCarthyites. Blackthorns and stones were used with such effect that more than eighty persons had to have their wounds dressed at the hospital. If the people of Ireland cannot display a better temper than that in their elections the world will unite with the British Tories in saying that they are unfit for self-government. They have given the strongest weapon possible to their enemies.

THE man who served his country by going to the polls yesterday and voting his sincere convictions is a patriot, no matter how he voted. He may have been a Democrat or a Republican, a Prohibitionist or a People's party follower, a Socialist or anything else, if he expressed the sincere conviction of his principles he is a better citizen than the man who staid at home and voted for nothing at all. His party may have won or it may have lost, but that is nothing to him—the doing of a duty is the triumph that all American citizens should look forward to as the greatest and best reward.

BETTER TIMES.

Merchants who had out collectors on the first of the month say that at no time for many years have collections been so good. People are paying their bills promptly and are no longer "standing off" their creditors. This is the report from other towns as well as from Fort Worth. It is an indication that there is more money in circulation, and it will be a cause of putting still more money in circulation. It is both a cause and an effect. It is the effect of closer economy in the past, and it will be the cause of more liberal buying in the future. For lack of means people have done little buying this year, and have saved to pay what they owe. When they get out of debt they can do more buying, and it will be done with a closer approach to a cash basis. This settling of debts and paying of cash for future purchases will keep the money going from hand to hand, and that means a relaxing of the financial stringency. If everybody will pay off his debts by the first of January, the new year will come in with a great improvement in business.

TARRANT COUNTY LANDS.

Gen. Clarke, secretary of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, has a plan for putting more farmers in Tarrant county. All that is necessary is co-operation on the part of the land owners. In the past, especially the years the Spring Palace was held, Fort Worth did much to bring settlers to the Panhandle, the Brownwood and the Abilene countries, but no organized effort was made to settle up the vacant lands of Tarrant county. We have right at our door, according to Gen. Clarke, who has had considerable experience in his line, "a first-class country for farming. It has but little waste land, mostly prairie, probably one-third wooded. It has good soil of black wax, gray sandy and chocolate loams. The average of its crops is twenty to thirty bushels of wheat, forty to fifty of corn, sixty to ninety of oats, two and one-half to five tons of hay, and three-fourths bale of cotton to the acre. But it also is what is most desirable, close to a large city—a splendid fruit country. I have had some experience in fruit growing, and I know that more money could be made on ten acres of

fruit in Tarrant county than could be made on eighty acres of grain 100 miles from Fort Worth. There is plenty of water, plenty of firewood. There are twenty-six running streams in the county, and if artesian water is wanted, it is there for the digging. Why the county has not been thoroughly advertised is a mystery to me. Railroads run all through it direct to Fort Worth, so the fruit grower or farmer could ship his produce into the city under exceptionally good facilities."

Gen. Clarke is daily in receipt of inquiries about farm lands close to Fort Worth. Why can't the land owners get together and through Gen. Clarke make an organized effort to locate actual settlers on these rich but vacant acres? Good county roads and more farmers in Tarrant county will aid wonderfully in the upbuilding of Fort Worth.

THE DISCRETION OF THE JURY.

The Paris News, commenting upon the verdict in favor of THE GAZETTE in the libel suit of Alger Perry, says: "So long as the jury do their duty it makes no difference whether the legislature comes to the relief of the newspapers or not."

The News takes a very short-sighted view of the conditions affecting the publication of news in Texas. How is a newspaper to know that juries will "do their duty" in the rendering of verdicts? Doubtless they may be depended upon to do what they conceive to be their duty, but as this is but a reflection of the individual minds of the members, the defendant publisher has no means of knowing what they are going to do about it until the mischief is done—and the verdict of a petit jury is one of the two uncertainties of life. A wise man once gave directions by which mushrooms could be distinguished from toadstools. "Eat them," he said, "and if you suffer no harm they are mushrooms, but if you die they are toadstools." That is something like the way the newspaper has of determining whether a news item is libelous or not. Publish it, and if a jury acquits the newspaper it is all right, but if a verdict for damages is given it is libelous.

Newspaper publishers do not ask to be relieved from responsibility in the publication of news. They only ask that the law of libel be made so plain and clear that they may know what to publish and what to withhold. It is not a libel law that they complain of, but the lack of a libel law. In the case that the Paris News speaks of, the testimony, the law and everything were so plainly in favor of THE GAZETTE that there could be no other verdict than the one that was rendered. But how are other newspapers or THE GAZETTE to know what to publish, so far as the law goes?

No reputable Texas newspaper—and that includes nearly or quite all of them—ask for special privileges in the dissemination of untruthful news or malicious reports. They endeavor to publish the news as it occurs, and to publish it truthfully. Sometimes it happens that their accounts of an occurrence that is legitimate news varies from the exact facts, and in this case, if it reflects upon any person, there is a libel suit and the jury is left to say whether damages shall have to be borne by a paper that had no thought of inflicting injury upon anybody.

ABOUT SOME PEOPLE.

Henry M. Stanley has lost all the popularity he had in England. Professor Virchow, the eminent German scientist, has published 125 works. He is seventy years old.

Mark Twain is sailing through the chief French rivers in a tiny fishing-boat. He is now descending the Rhone.

M. Nathan Harris of Rich Valley, Va., has hatched nineteen year-old, who is only two feet ten inches in height and weighs just forty and a half pounds.

Mr. Labouchere, who was a member of the parliamentary committee that inquired into Queen Victoria's savings, asserts that her majesty's fortune is surprisingly small.

Robert Browning's admirers place a wreath of flowers over his grave in Westminster Abbey every day. The tomb is covered with tile about eighteen inches square.

Conductor William W. Willer of the Boston and Albany railroad has ridden more than 1,000,000 miles on duty during the forty-seven years he has been in the service.

Parnell, at school, is described by the old lady who taught him, in a Derbyshire village, as a silent, solitary child, repelling the advances of a kindly sympathy with his early years.

Col. L. Denning of New York enjoys the honor of being the child of parents wedded by the poet William C. Bryant, when the latter was a justice of the peace in a Long Island village.

Cardinal Lavigne was once a bean-sabreur. Cardinal Howard formerly held a commission in the Life Guards, and the cardinal archbishop of Perth was in youth the smartest of Austrian hussars.

Lord Salisbury, when he was plain Robert Cecil, was a reporter, and was always ready, after a night in the gallery, to go out with the boys and invoke nightmare on a supper of Welsh rarebits and London stout.

Chief Justice Fuller's daughter, Miss Mary Fuller, will soon return to Germany to resume her musical studies. She takes a younger sister with her. Miss Fuller devotes six or seven hours a day to her piano practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Osborne of Knoxville, Tenn., are soon to celebrate the seventy-second anniversary of their marriage. They are respectively 101 and ninety-two years of age, and have 230 descendants.

Michael Moore of Brooklyn is the oldest second lieutenant on the army list. He was for years a musician, was made a lieutenant in 1869 and two years later was promoted. He now draws three-fourths pay (\$105) a month, and is supposed to be not less than ninety-one years old.

About to Lose His Job.

Athens Review.

The sub-treasury plan went wrong, and its leaders are already alarmed at the falling

off in its popularity. Whenever the farmers abandon the cause the employment of such as Macune ceases.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Shoshone Falls, Idaho, are offered for rent.

The Philadelphia mint coined \$4,000,000 pennies last year.

Massachusetts has more free circulating and reference libraries than any other state.

Cranberries are gathered on Cape Cod with scoops designed for that particular purpose.

From the American aloes tree is made thread, ropes, cables, paper, clothing, soap, sugar and brandy.

Hawaiian natives have a superstition that evil spirits land from every war ship that enters their port.

Among the recent inventions is a calendar that will register for the next 200 years, besides telling any date figure within that period.

At Sharon, Ga., last week, a lot of fodder was sold that was gathered in 1852 by a slave. It was as bright and sound as on the day it was put up.

A family living near Augusta, Me., have as a pet a tame crow, which accompanies them whenever they go to the city on Sundays or market days, flying above and a little in advance of the horses.

The Veteran Soldiers' and Sailors' association of Jefferson county, Iowa, is proud of the "fact that, out of a population of 15,000, 1,600 men were sent to the war from Jefferson county, more than any other county of equal population in the United States."

It is said that fully 25,000 deaths occurred in the recent epidemic of smallpox in Guatemala, but notwithstanding this frightful mortality and the frequency of smallpox scourges, the government has refused to permit any system of vaccination, and the state is without any vaccination law at all.

"Squire" Charles Walker, a Washington justice of the peace, is very proud of a warrant in his possession dated April 10, 1866, charging General Grant with fast driving. It is signed by "John D. Walker," below the general's handwriting, are the words, "I will appeal at 4 p. m. U. S. Grant." No appeal, however, was taken.

The doctors and citizens in the town of Stuttgart, Ark., are at loggerheads. A local physician, Dr. J. H. Smith, of the place formed a protective league against those citizens who fail to pay their doctor's bills. Every doctor in the league is prohibited from visiting patients whose names appear on the black list. This action aroused the inhabitants to a high pitch of indignation, and over three hundred of them assembled in mass meeting and agreed to boycott the offending doctors.

Crops in the Far West.

Stenewall County, Lasso.

Mr. T. T. Thames, who lives in the extreme west end of the county, was in town Monday, and he informed the Lasso that he had twenty acres of cotton that would yield him 40,000 pounds of seed cotton or one and one-third bales to the acre, and he had twenty more acres that would make a bale and a half. Fifty bales of cotton of forty acres is pretty good for the "wild and woolly West." He has made as much as forty bushels of corn per acre off of sod land, and he has a goodly number of head of cattle, and he is very well off in every way.

ON THE BOURSE.

Excitement in Berlin on Account of a Paris Failure.

LIABILITIES 600,000 MARKS.

Fast Time from Liverpool to Gibraltar. Healy, M. P. Covered by an Irate Relative of Mrs. Farwell—Healy Refuses to Make Any Complaint.

Emin's Movements.

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—A letter dated in April has been received from Emin Pasha which says he was on the point of starting on a visit to the Kingdom of Ethiopia, a territory unexplored by Europeans or Arabians. He will then march across the